

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

TOMAS MEZA-DE LA CRUZ, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. CR16-0136-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge:

This matter comes before the Court on the motion to continue trial of codefendants Tomas Meza-De La Cruz, Luis Ramirez-Arredondo, and Ruben Mota-Alvarez (Dkt. No. 73). Codefendant Omar Ortega-Chavez does not join the motion. (*Id.* at 1.) The Court has considered Defendants' unopposed motion for a continuance and finds that the ends of justice will be served by ordering a continuance in this case, that a continuance is necessary to ensure adequate time for effective case preparation, and that these factors outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial.

The Court therefore ORDERS that the trial date in this matter is continued from November 7, 2016 to February 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. and that pretrial motions shall be filed no later than January 6, 2017.

1 The Court further ORDERS that the period of time from the date of Defendants' motion
2 to continue trial, October 6, 2016, until the new trial date of February 13, 2017, shall be
3 excludable time pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161 *et seq.* Nothing in this order
4 applies to codefendant Omar Ortega-Chavez, who did not join the motion.
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7 DATED this 7th day of October 2016.

8 William M. McCool
9 Clerk of Court

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